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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1, 2 and 5 have been amended as follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A laser device including an amplifying section in which a laser medium is amplified to oscillate laser light, and an optical element for separating part of the laser light oscillated in said amplifying section, shaping a beam form of the laser light into a desired form to output the same,

wherein said optical element has at least either one of a partial reflecting portion for partially reflecting the laser light or a non-reflective portion for transmitting the laser light at high transmissivity, each of which is provided on approximately a center portion, and a total reflecting portion which is provided outside a perimeter of said partial reflecting portion ~~of~~ or said non-reflective portion, and which reflects the laser light at high reflectivity, wherein at least a part of an outer periphery of said partial reflecting portion or said non-reflective portion is formed in a shape of a straight line in a direction parallel with discharge.

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Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A laser device including an amplifying section in which a laser medium is amplified to oscillate laser light, comprising:

a front mirror having a partial reflecting portion which is provided on approximately a center portion and partially reflects the laser light, and a total reflecting portion which is provided outside a perimeter of said partial reflecting portion and reflects the laser light at high reflectivity, wherein at least a part of an outer periphery of said partial reflecting portion is formed in a shape of a straight line in a direction parallel with discharge,

wherein said front mirror separates part of the laser light oscillated in said amplifying section, and shapes a beam form of the laser light into a desired form to output the same.

Claim 3 (Canceled)

Claim 4 (Canceled)

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A laser device including  
an amplifying section in which a laser medium is amplified to oscillate laser beam,  
a front slit and a rear slit which are provided to sandwich said amplifying section between them, and which separate part of oscillated laser light from the laser light and shape a beam form into a desired form to ~~outputs~~ output the same, and

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a front mirror for partially transmitting the laser light oscillated in said amplifying section to output the same,

wherein said front mirror has a low transmission portion with low transmissivity of the laser light, formed on approximately a center portion, and a high transmission portion with high transmissivity of the laser light, formed outside a perimeter of said low transmission portion, wherein said low transmission portion and said high transmission portion are formed only at a side of said front mirror, which faces said amplifying section.